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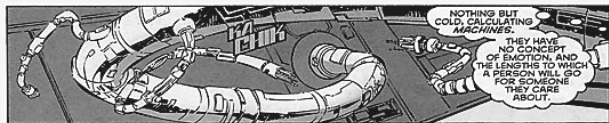
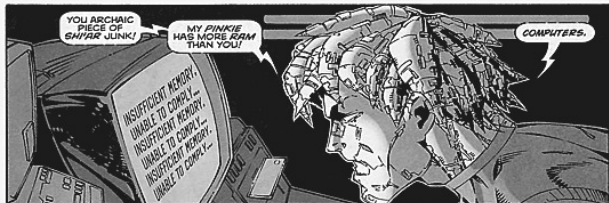
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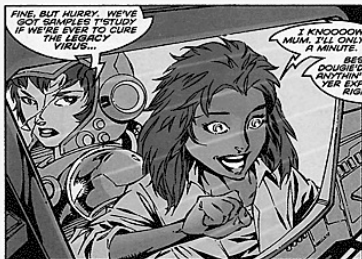
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FINE, BUT HURRY. WE'VE GOT SAMPLES TO STUDY IF WE'RE EVER TO CURE THE LEGACY VIRUS...

I KNOWWWW. MUM, I'LL ONLY BE A MINUTE.

BESIDES, DOUGIE'D NEVER DO ANYTHING TO DISRUPT YER EXPERIMENT, RIGHT...P

ABSOLUTELY.

RAHNE'S GONNA KILL ME FOR JEOPARDIZING MOIRA'S SELF-IMPOSED QUARANTINE...



HA-CHUU

...BUT I CAN'T LET MY BEST FRIEND ON THIS PLANET RISK CONTRACTING A DEADLY DISEASE FOR THE SAKE OF AN EXPERIMENT!



I LOVE LADY MOIRA DEARLY, BUT I SWEAR IF I HAVE TO LOOK AT ANOTHER HOLOGRAPHIC DNA MELD...P I THINK I'M GAINNRE SCREAM!

SO TELL ME, DOUGIE...

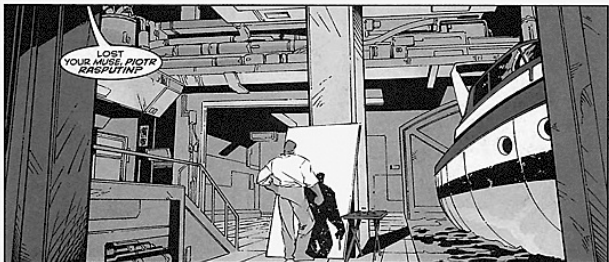
...WHAT'S LIFE LIKE ON THE "OUTSIDE" THESE DAYS?



LOTS HAS HAPPENED SINCE YOU JUMPED IN THERE, RAHNE.®

WHERE TO BEGIN...P WHERE TO BEGIN...P OH, I KNOW!

NOW, YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT GONNA BELIEVE THIS, BUT...









I CAN'T
GET IT OUT OF
MY MIND...

THE
HORRIBLE
IMAGE OF CHARLES
XAVIER SUFFERING
BECAUSE I WASN'T
STRONG ENOUGH
TO PROTECT
HIM.

THOUGH
EXCALIBUR
NEVER DIRECTLY
SUFFERED THE BIGOTRY OF
BASTION AND HIS GENETOPHOBIC
"OPERATION ZERO TOLERANCE,"
HIS ABDUCTION OF HERR
PROFESSOR IS A STAKE
THROUGH OUR
COLLECTIVE
HEARTS.

MANY
OF MY FELLOW
X-MEN OWE HIM
THEIR LIVES AS DO I.
CYCLOPS... STORM...
WOLVERINE...

... WHY
HAVEN'T THEY
CONTACTED US
THAT WE MIGHT FIND
OUR MENTOR TOGETHER AS
THE FAMILY WE ONCE WERE?
HAVE THEY FORSAKEN US,
HERE IN THE "MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE," SCOTLAND?



OR IS IT SIMPLY BECAUSE
THEIR COM-EX SYSTEM IS
DOWN?!

WELL, AS
CYCLOPS ONCE
TOLD ME, "HIGH-
TECH PROBLEMS
OFTEN REQUIRE
LOW-TECH
SOLUTIONS."

● KURT DOESN'T REALIZE
THE X-MEN DON'T HAVE
ONE ANIMATED THANKS
TO THAT LOUSY BASTION
STAFFED FRANK.



"NOW TO SEE WHO'S
HOME AT GOOD OL'
1407 GRAYMALKIN
LANE..."

ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?!



WHAT STUPID SON-~~OF-A-BITCH~~ CALLS AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!



WHO THE ~~SON-OF-A-BITCH~~ IS THIS?!

THIS IS KURT WAGNER CALLING FROM MUIR ISLAND. WHO'S THIS...?

MARROW. WHAT THE ~~SON-OF-A-BITCH~~ DO YOU WANT?

AHH, YOU MUST BE NEW. BE A DARLING AND PUT ONE OF THE 'REAL' X-MEN ON, WOULD YOU? THERE'S A LEBCHEN...



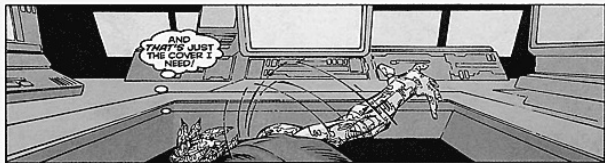
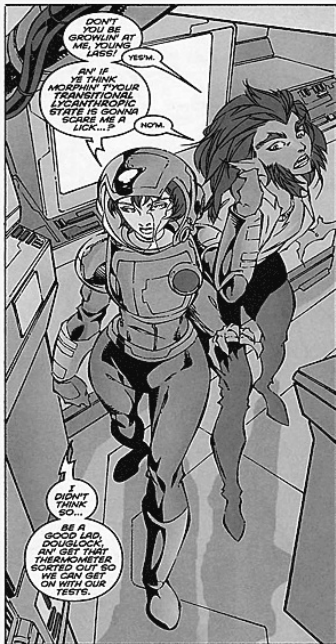
'REAL' X-MEN? 'REAL' X-MEN? WHY YOU LOUSY MOTH-

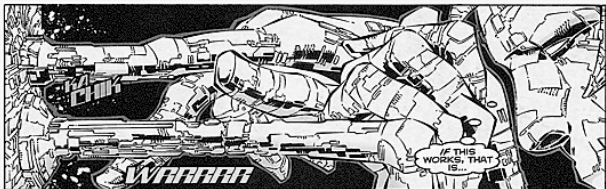
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I'LL... UH... CALL BACK.

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DEPENDS.

ONP

DUNNO, PRYDE, IT JUST
DEPENDS.

THAT'S
NOT FAIR,
PETER.

WE
PARTED ON A BAD
NOTE. I WAS HAVING
DOUBTS ABOUT OUR
RELATIONSHIP.

NOTHING
ACTUALLY
HAPPENED BETWEEN
RISBY FELLOW AND
ME. I JUST FELT...
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SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN
WHAT I FEEL FOR YOU --
MOSTLY BECAUSE HE AND I
ARE THE SAME AGE -- BUT
NOTHING LIKE WHAT
YOU AND I
SHARE.

I'M
ASKING
YOU TO LEAVE IT.
BUT CAN'T YOU
AT LEAST SEE
MY SIDE?

WHY
SHOULD
I?



PETER,
IF YOU CAN'T
ANSWER THAT
YOURSELF...



THEN
MAYBE THIS
IS FOR THE
BEST.



I
CAN IMAGINE
WHAT SHE'S THINKIN'
RIGHT NOW.



"A CHANCE AT GENUINE
HAPPINESS STARES YOU
DEAD IN THE FACE FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR
MISERABLE LIFE, AND
WHAT DO YOU
DO...?"

"...PACK
YOUR
BAGS."



"ALL BECAUSE SOME
'BIRDY' BROKE WHAT'S
LEFT OF YOUR
HEART."

"THINK YOU'RE BEING
A REAL MAN, SNEAKING
OUT OF MY LIFE -- OF
EXCALIBUR -- AS
QUIETLY AS YOU
SNUCK IN!"

"THAT'S NO
'MAN'. THAT'S
A BLOODY
COWARD."

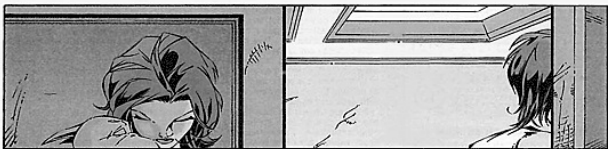
"A REAL
MAN DOESN'T
HIDE HIS FEELINGS
FROM HIS FRIENDS.
HE SHARES THEM,
REGARDLESS OF THE
CONSEQUENCES."

AND SHE'D
BE RIGHT. I
SHOULD TELL
HER HOW I
FEEL.

HOW
MUCH SHE
HURT ME. HOW
MUCH I WANT HER
TO HURT FOR IT. IT
WOULD BE SO
EASY...

...FOR A
COWARD.

STILL,
I SHOULD
SAY SOMETHIN'.
I OWE HER THAT,
MUCH...





POOR
KITTY...

SUCH A
SHAME...

AND JUST
WHEN MR. WISDOM
WAS STARTING TO
TOLERATE ME!

LOSING SOMEONE YOU LOVE
IS PRETTY AWFUL. WHATEVER
THE CIRCUMSTANCE -- huh,
RAHNE?



Uh...
Er... AYE,
'TIS.

ARE YE SURE
YE FIXED THAT
THERMOMETER, DOUGIE?
STARTIN' T'WARM UP IN
HERE AGAIN ALL OF A
SUDDEN...

FEELING
A LITTLE FLUSH,
RAHNE?

AYE!
A WEE
BIT...

AHHH,
YOUNG
LOVE.

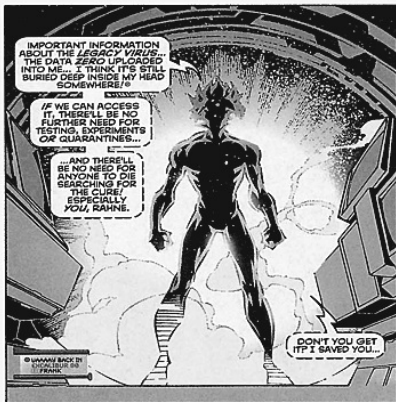


SOMEHOW
I DOUBT THE
THERMOSTAT'S
'T'BLAME...

YOU'RE PROBABLY
RIGHT, DOC. LEMME
DOUBLE-CHECK IT
ONE LAST TIME
JUST TO BE SURE...

I KNEW
IT! I KNEW
RAHNE FELT
SOMETHING FOR
ME! THIS IS
GONNA BE SO
GREAT!







...IT'S MORE THAN JUST FEELING "OUT OF THE LOOP," PIOTR.

IT'S LIKE WE DON'T EVEN COUNT ANYMORE. NOT EVEN TO THE X-MEN'S ENEMIES.

WOULD YOU PREFER BASTION CRASH THROUGH OUR DOOR, SO THAT WE COULD BE "PART OF THE ACTION"?

ACH, NEIN. IT'S JUST... I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER --

WHAT HAS EXCALIBUR REALLY DONE FOR MUTANTKIND LATELY?



A GREAT MANY THINGS, I WOULD SAY. PERHAPS NOT ON THE SAME SCALE AS OUR STATESIDE COMRADES, BUT WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR OWN WAY.

PERHAPS I MISS THE GOOD OL' DAYS.

SO YOUR WARDROBE CHANGE INDICATES.

JA, DUSTED THE MOTHBALLS OFF THE OL' CIRCUS TOGS THE OTHER DAY. SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING BACK TO BASICS JUST FELT RIGHT...



beep
beep
beep

WAS IST DAS?

IS THAT NOT A PASSWORD-PROTECTED LINE...?



"JA, AND ONLY TRUSTED MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSOR'S CLANDESTINE 'MUTANT UNDERGROUND' CAN ACCESS IT!"

TEL AVIV,
ISRAEL...

THE
PASSWORD IS
"CYBERNO"...

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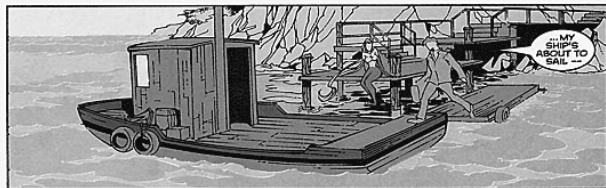
...CONFIRM?

CONFIRMED.
BUT WHO ARE
YOU...?

MY
CIVILIAN NAME IS
INCONSEQUENTIAL...









MEET

EXCALIBUR



United to preserve the dream of Professor Charles Xavier, they have sought to extend the message of the X-Men beyond the shores of America. Operating out of their headquarters on Muir Island in Scotland, they've sworn to defend mutantkind from a world that both hates and fears them, for they are... **EXCALIBUR!**



COLOSSUS

The Russian mutant born Piotr Rasputin is the powerhouse of Excalibur. His artistic heart is masked by his cold, hard exterior, as Colossus has the ability to transform his flesh and blood into a form of impervious organic steel!



NIGHTCRAWLER

Nightcrawler: Born with the mutant ability to teleport short distances, stick to walls and ceilings, and turn virtually invisible when in deep shadows, the German-born Kurt Wagner is the blue-skinned leader of Excalibur.



MEGGAN

Linked to the elemental forces of Great Britain as a faerie, the enigmatic but naive Meggan has the ability to change her physical form at will, as well as the power to shape the very forces of nature to fit her needs.



PETE WISDOM

A former intelligence operative with the mutant ability to generate "hot knives". Boyfriend to Kitty Pryde, he remains a reluctant member of Excalibur.



DOUG LOCK

Although his body is comprised of Phalanx physiology, Douglock is not a member of that alien race. Though his resemblance to the deceased Douglas Ramsey is not a coincidence, Douglock's quest for humanity and the truth about who he is continues to elude him.



SHADOWCAT

American-born Kitty Pryde has the mutant ability to turn her body intangible and walk on air with but a thought. Trained in the ways of the Samurai and the ninja, Shadowcat's physical prowess is balanced by her brilliant mind and her former X-Men training.



WOLFSBANE

Rehne Sinclair is the youngest member of Excalibur, but her mutant ability to transform from a shy young woman to a human/wolf hybrid and to a complete wolf makes her a force to be reckoned with!



MOIRA MacTAGGERT

Head of the Mutant Research Center on Muir Island, Moira has recently devoted her research to finding a cure for the mutant-killing Legacy Virus. As if this wasn't enough for her to deal with, Moira also bears the burden of being the first human to contract the deadly disease.



PREVIOUSLY IN...

EXCALIBUR

From his dream realm, Nightmare toyed with—and tormented—the members of the team, watching them from the monitor in his "Screaming Room."

Pete Wisdom faced off against Nightmare, while Excalibur freed themselves from their dreams. Nightmare escaped, however, keeping his motives for his actions a secret—for now.



Back home, Wisdom and Kitty finally realized that the time had come to deal with the problems that have been building up in their relationship—for better or worse.